

OPPOSITION TO UNION DEPOT.

Northeast Citizens' Association Objects.

DON'T WANT H STREET CLOSED.

Report of the Committee on Railroads—Great Expense of the Project Pointed Out—Attention Called to the Gift of \$1,500,000 Each to the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio.

Mr. W. J. Frizzell, chairman of the committee on railroads, presented a report to the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association last night against the proposed union station. It said in part:

"The bill introduced in the Senate on the 8th instant, while providing for a magnificent depot building, fronting 800 feet on Massachusetts Avenue, and extending about 300 feet on either side of Delaware Avenue, at a cost of \$3,000,000, provides for an elevation of grades in front thereof so as to permit a tunnel under First Street east that will emerge on or about the present grade. This change of grades, as far as we can understand, would extend from near Second Street east westward beyond North Capitol Street, so as to make an easy rise on North Capitol Street southward from G Street.

"The project includes the formation of a circle or ellipse in front of the proposed station that would cover an area of eight or ten acres, thereby forming a plaza sufficient to accommodate the centralization of all the street cars and other vehicles necessary for the use, comfort and convenience of the traveling public.

Is an Expensive Proposition.

"While the consummation of this project would be of a monumental and magnificent character, it would necessarily be very expensive, particularly so as it involves the laying out of the circle or plaza at the intersection of Massachusetts and Delaware Avenues, the opening of streets leading thereto and the changing of existing grades of streets and avenues as shown on the plan filed in the office of the Engineer Commissioner.

"We deem it worthy of emphasis here that no provision is made in the bill as to who shall pay the cost, and we deem it a fair assumption that the railroad companies will claim that such area being entirely outside of their jurisdiction the Government should not only pay for the contemplated work, but should also keep it in repair for all time.

Object to Closing H Street.

"What we regard as the most alarming part of the bill is the provision for vacating and closing H Street northeast for a distance of 200 feet on either side of Delaware Avenue.

"H Street being the principal thoroughfare for our people, and the one on which all the business houses of our section are located, with perhaps a frontage of \$1,000,000 worth of business property, besides the street car line which affords rapid transit to our people in reaching their offices and places of business, we cannot for a moment consider any such proposition. We are unwilling to put ourselves on record as believing that the engineering talent of the officers of the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army, supplemented by the able and skillful engineers of the railroad companies, cannot devise a plan to confine the limits of the passenger terminal to the area south of H Street, even though it be necessary to extend farther eastward and westward than the bill proposes.

Contributions of \$3,000,000.

"Though of comparatively small moment, we call your attention to the fact that a bonus of \$1,500,000 is proposed to be given to the Pennsylvania road for abandoning its tracks on the Mall, and that the \$1,500,000 contribution to the Baltimore and Ohio Company under the present law is not repealed.

"This latter contribution is an indemnity to the Baltimore and Ohio Company for removing all of its tracks northward from its present station and the building of a viaduct a mile or more in length.

"To be brief, we recommend that this association use its influence in every direction to prevent the closing of any part of H Street, and we call upon all the people of the Northeastern portion of the District and all of our friends elsewhere to aid us in preventing even the consideration of this proposition."

Taxation of Corporations.

The Columbia Heights Citizens' Association has forwarded to the District Commissioners a copy of the resolution adopted at a recent meeting relative to the taxation of certain corporations having large properties in the District. The resolution calls for the assessment of something near the actual selling price of the stock of the companies referred to.

TAXATION IN BRIGHTWOOD.

Mr. Davis Declares It Excessive and Unjust.

The Brightwood Citizens' Association met at the Brightwood Hotel last night, and was addressed by Mr. Harry Davis, who stated the various grievances the Brightwood citizens had against the Government and urged the Brightwood citizens to organize and demand their rights. He did not see why the citizens of this city and the suburban localities should be taxed any heavier upon their land than they were at present. He pointed out that the citizens paid taxes upon three-eighths of the property of the city, the remaining five-eighths being owned by the Government, upon which no taxes were levied. The several thousand people living here received no benefits from the money expended by the Government for the erection of buildings, and Mr. Davis said that he did not see why the people, who merely reside in the city, should be taxed for the erection of the buildings and the preserving of the national parks.

Continuing the speaker said: "The people who reside within the bounds of the city, who pay no more tax than the citizens of Brightwood, have every protection from crime and fire, and also receive benefits, sometimes from the Water Department, which is supposed to furnish water to the inhabitants of the city. The citizens of this suburb receive absolutely no benefits from any of these departments. The valuable houses and other property in this locality are unprotected by either the fire or Police Department, and yet we are asked for more taxes. Who receives the benefits from these departments? The Government."

The public buildings are constantly watched by the police and the Fire Department is chiefly maintained for the protection of the Government buildings, while the bulk of the "water" which is furnished by the department is used for Government purposes at the various departments."

TO SECURE RULING ON CODE.

Legislatures of Juris Serving to Be Determined Next Tuesday.

The Court of Appeals for the District today decided to hear on Tuesday next argument on the case of the United States vs. William Clark, which involves the question of the juris serving in the District. When the court convened, D. W. Baker, of counsel for Mr. Clark, asked that a day be fixed to hear the arguments. He stated to the court that work in the criminal branches of the Supreme Court of the District is practically at a standstill because of the doubt raised as to the constitutionality of the organization of the grand and petit juries.

Chief Justice Alvey, speaking for the court, said the question to be considered is most important and suggested that it be fully presented to the court, pro and con, by counsel.

After consultation with R. Ross Perry, who will also appear as counsel for the defendant, it was decided to fix Tuesday next for hearing the argument. This arrangement is satisfactory to District Attorney Clark, who is anxious to have the matter to a final hearing as soon as possible.

COLOMBIA SETTLING VENEZUELAN SCORE.

SENDS AID TO CASTRO'S ENEMIES.

Castro Gave Comfort to Colombian Rebels and That State Is Now Paying the Debt in Same Coin.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Cable despatches from Colon last week told of the mysterious visit to that place of ex-President Ignacio Andrade of Venezuela. Information just received from Caracas said that his trip had to do with the Venezuelan filibustering steamer Liberator, formerly the Ban Righ and with the Matos rebellion against President Castro.

Andrade Paying Off Castro.

General Andrade was driven from power a little more than two years ago by Castro and he is now interested in the insurrectionary movement led by Senator Manuel A. Matos, which has for its object the overthrow of Castro. It is said that General Andrade has contributed all his money to the cause and that, as he is not a fighter, he has been assigned to a diplomatic post.

In this capacity it is now openly asserted General Andrade went to Colon to obtain from General Carlos Albain, governor of the department of Panama, permission for the Liberator to dock at Colon, take on coal and more war material. The insurrectionary embassy had an interview with General Albain and it is believed in view of the strained relations between the Castro Government and Colombia, resulting from the aid given the Colombian rebels by Castro, that the desired permission has been secured.

Colombia Getting Even.

A former Colombian official said today: "I have heard that Colombia will give every possible assistance to the revolution in Venezuela, both in harbor facilities and arms. But this is hardly to be wondered at, when, as every one knows, Castro has been helping the Colombian insurgents against our Government. He will have few sympathizers, if he complains, for it is nothing more than deserved retribution."

ALL FAVOR MR. PLATT.

Albany Republicans Want Him Returned to the Senate.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Senator Platt's announcement in Washington that he had decided to be a candidate for reelection to the Senate was the main theme of talk of the State officers and of the members of the Legislature today. Governor Odell may be said to have summed up the opinion of the Republican State officers, and the Republican Senators and Assemblymen upon Senator Platt's candidacy when he said Mr. Platt, in his judgment, would be supported for the place of United States Senator again with unanimity by the Republicans of the State.

Mr. Odell added that he had long believed that Mr. Platt would succeed himself as Senator. Six months ago the Governor made his prediction of Mr. Platt's reelection, nor did he change it when Mr. Platt seemed disposed positively to decline the honor. Friends of Lieutenant Governor Woodruff and of ex-Governor Frank S. Black have lately been urging their election as United States Senator to the place should refuse a reelection. Mr. Platt having announced his candidacy, Mr. Woodruff's and Mr. Black's friends who live in Albany immediately announced that neither Mr. Woodruff nor Mr. Black's candidacy would be pressed. Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, upon arriving here from New York and being informed of Mr. Platt's statement, said:

"If Mr. Platt is a candidate for United States Senator, he will have the support of everyone in the Republican party in this State."

Republicans in the Legislature say they are highly gratified over Mr. Platt's announcement, because they believe that work for the Republican party deserves recognition by the bestowal of high office upon him. No part of that work has more pleased Republicans living in the interior of the State than Mr. Platt's unceasing efforts while the Fusion campaign was recently in progress in New York City to bring about the election of every candidate upon the Fusion ticket from Seth Low for mayor to the humblest candidate on the list.

Barcelona Strikes End.

BARCELONA, Jan. 14.—The strikes among the factory workers which have caused much disturbance for many weeks past are ended. The factories are now running under military protection.

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WESTERN UNION QUITS THE A. D. T.

Announcement of Rupture Made by Edwin Gould.

PARTNERSHIP WAS ANCIENT ONE.

For Thirty Years A. D. T. Has Carried Telegraph Company's Messages—Gould Says He Will Organize a New Company, and A. D. T. Is Said to Be Negotiating With Postal

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Edwin Gould and others of the Western Union Telegraph Company have formed a company to carry on the messenger service of the Western Union, which was formerly performed by the American District Telegraph Company.

This announcement was made yesterday. He said that the capital stock was \$500,000, and that the company intended to perform exactly the same service for the Western Union that that company paid the American District Telegraph Company to perform; in short, that there will be a complete rupture of the relations which have existed for over thirty years.

This is the result of the trouble that was recently precipitated when several stock brokers coming large interests in American District Telegraph sent out a circular to stockholders asking for proxies so that at least some of the interests outside of Western Union might be represented on the board in the future. It was asserted that the company had been used merely as a side issue for Western Union. The circular called forth a statement from General Eckert, president of the American District Telegraph, as well as of Western Union, in which he referred to the position as alleged stockholders' although it possessed more stock than do the present directors. He said it was the intention of the board to ask the stockholders to consent to a reduction of the stock from 40,000 shares to 25,000, thereby cutting down the capital from \$4,000,000 to \$2,500,000.

This proposed reduction of stock brought out another protest from stockholders, and they began to send in their proxies to the opposition, headed by Charles A. Mising. It is said now that the opposition is in control, and will, after showing its hand at the next annual meeting, begin to make the A. D. T. what they believe it ought to be.

It is proposed for one thing to connect the 30,000 boxes in the offices and houses in New York with the district offices by means of autophones, so that a boy can be called for and instructed through the telephone. It was said that this plan was objectionable to Western Union people for the reason that it might interfere with the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company's business, in which they have a large interest. It was also pointed out that under its charter the A. D. T. could receive itself into an independent telephone company.

"I do not see why we should be worried about Mr. Mising yesterday," said Mr. Gould. "In the first place, how long would it take to get into the conduits and wire every office building and many of the residences in this city? Then, again, it is not reasonable to suppose that some other telephone company might be willing to avail itself of the advantages that the A. D. T. could give."

"Mr. Gould's announcement is tantamount to a statement that he has thrown down every person who gave a proxy for the next annual meeting. It seems almost impossible that he could contemplate an undertaking that would take years to accomplish and be much more costly to the Western Union than an arrangement with the A. D. T."

It is said that the A. D. T. is already negotiating with the Postal Telegraph Company.

At the Office of the Postal Telegraph

Company in this city it was stated this morning that nothing was known of the report that the A. D. T. was negotiating with the company, as stated in the New York despatch.

M. KINLEY MEMORIAL ARCH.

House Bill Introduced Authorizing Selection of Site.

Representative McClure of Minnesota has introduced a bill for the appointment of a commission to select a site for a McKinley memorial arch in Washington. The bill carries an appropriation of \$25,000.

Steamer Ashore on Isle of Wight.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The British steamer Braemar Castle from Cape Town is ashore on the Isle of Wight.

Woman's Nightmare

No woman's happiness can be complete without children; it is her nature to love and want them as much as you as it is to love the beautiful and pure.

The critical ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so fraught with dread, pain, suffering and danger, that the very thought of it fills her with apprehension and horror. There is no necessity for the reproduction of life to be either painful or dangerous. The use of *Mother's Friend* so prepares the system for the coming event that it is safely passed without any danger. This great and wonderful remedy is always applied externally, and has carried thousands of women through the trying crisis without suffering.

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IDAHO'S NEXT SENATOR.

Mr. Shoup to Make a Fight to Succeed Mr. Helfield.

It is no secret that the next race for the Senate from Idaho will be between the sitting Democratic Senator, the Hon. Henry Helfield, and former Senator George L. Shoup.

Mr. Shoup served in the Senate continuously from the admission of the State until he was retired last year by his former colleague, the Hon. Fred T. Dubois, who retired from the Republican party in 1896 while United States Senator from Idaho. Now Mr. Dubois is back in his seat and his successor and present colleague, Mr. Helfield, is fighting, with Mr. Shoup's entire approval, to retain his seat against Mr. Shoup.

Senator Helfield has made many friends in the Senate and among the general Washington public by his decided natural abilities and his rugged force of character. He is recognized as an influential Democratic member of the Senate and is very strong in his State, especially in the northern or Panhandle section, which is one of the most important portions of the Commonwealth.

Former Senator Shoup is also a man of many strong qualities, was a cavalry colonel in the Union army, one of the pioneers of both Colorado and Idaho, the last Territorial and the first State Governor of Idaho from 1890 to 1894.

He boldly adhered to his party in the St. Louis convention of 1892 and when Senator Dubois, his colleague, walked out of the convention taking the entire Idaho delegation with him, Mr. Shoup, who was the Republican National Committee man from the State, took a seat among the vacant chairs of his delegation, as a stubborn though solitary protest against the surrender of his party associates to free silver.

Mr. Shoup has since that time upheld the party standard in Idaho although his party has been defeated in each State election and he himself beaten by Senator Dubois last year.

It is an interesting fact that both Senator Helfield and former Senator Shoup reached the city from Idaho yesterday. The circular called forth a statement from General Eckert, president of the American District Telegraph, as well as of Western Union, in which he referred to the position as alleged stockholders' although it possessed more stock than do the present directors. He said it was the intention of the board to ask the stockholders to consent to a reduction of the stock from 40,000 shares to 25,000, thereby cutting down the capital from \$4,000,000 to \$2,500,000.

STATE VS. STEEL TRUST.

Illinois Proposes to Have Money From Combination.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Notice was served on the Illinois Steel branch of the United States Steel Corporation, that it must pay into the treasury of the State of Illinois from \$500,000 to \$750,000. Secretary of State Rose sent a representative to the local offices of the steel trust in the Rookery Building yesterday, and demanded the fees—reaching the above figures—required under the foreign corporation act, for the privilege of doing business in this State.

Mr. Rose has announced that the steel combination must respect the State laws, and that it must obey with the signal of a threatened proceeding against the big corporation before the United States Supreme Court.

It is said that the cohesive strength of these great combines in general will be again tested in the attempts Mr. Rose has now begun to make to collect fees from them.

The local officials of the trust declined to pay the amount, pleading that in reality the Illinois corporation was still an integral quantity. They declined to admit that they were part and parcel of the United States Steel Company.

This demurrer, however, will not satisfy the State's officers.

Charles Ryan was the Secretary of State's representative, who came to the city to serve the notice on the Illinois Steel officials, and on General Sales Agent Robinson of the big combination, that the fees required by law must be paid.

STOVE STARTS FIRE.

Flames in Northeast Washington Cause \$3,000 Damage.

An overheated stove set fire to house 1631 Twelfth Street northeast about 11 o'clock last night, and before the flames were extinguished extended to the two adjoining houses, 1637 and 1639, occasioning damage to the extent of \$3,000.

The fire was discovered by Bicycle Policeman Quail, who sent in the alarm. House 1641 is owned by William B. Walper and occupied by Mrs. Alsop; 1637 occupied by Louis Neff, and 1639 owned by John Zier.

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GOVERNOR CRANE WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY SUCCEED SECRETARY OF THE NAVY LONG.

Statement Made on Good Authority That the Change Will Take Place.

It is exceedingly probable that Governor William M. Crane, of Massachusetts, will be offered the portfolio of Secretary of the Navy upon the retirement in the spring of Secretary Long.

It is said upon excellent authority that Governor Crane's visit to Washington yesterday had something to do with the President's desire that he become a member of his Cabinet. The Governor denied having been offered the portfolio, but did not say that the matter had not been discussed when he called at the White House.

As long as the Sampson-Schley controversy is in any manner pending before the Administration, Secretary Long will remain in the Cabinet. Notwithstanding the many published reports to the contrary, the President has the highest regard for Mr. Long, and would be glad to have him remain in his present position. There is but little question but that the President has approved Secretary Long's action in the Schley matter, and there has never been any material difference of opinion between them on the salient points under discussion.

Long and Crane Friends.

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